

**JOINT BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TOWN SELECTMEN
BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES
Minutes of April 19, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Selectboard Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi, Ken Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Trustee Chair Thomas McCarney, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Richard Sutor, and Jim Wilson. Also present were Manager Nanci Allard and Planning Commissioner Stephen Fitzhugh.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2006.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Trustee Wilson, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 9-0-1, with Selectman Johnson abstaining.**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** none.
- IV. **DISCUSSION**
 - a. **Zoning Administrator Appointment.** Stephen Fitzhugh, the Vice-Chair of the Northfield Planning Commission, attended Monday night's meeting when the applicants for the Zoning Administrator position were interviewed. He stated that the Planning Commission voted 4-0-0 to recommend the appointment of Michele Braun. The Board did not vote on whether it should be a three year term or if it should be an interim appointment until July 2006. Although the Board did consider whether they should select a Northfield resident, they did feel that her being a Montpelier resident would give her a level of objectivity. There is no probationary period for this position. This position is a twenty-four (24) hour per week position and does not include benefits. Motion by Selectmen Adams, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to appoint Michelle Braun as the Interim Zoning Administrator for the period ending on June 30, 2006 subject to the pay and benefits that were agreed upon for the 2007 budget. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
 - b. **Town/Village Merger Committee.** There was a lengthy discussion involving both the Board of Selectmen and the Village Trustees regarding the best way to approach merger, including who the committee should be, how many should be on the committee, and the time frame for completing the task. Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Trustee Sutor, to form a merger committee consisting of: two Selectmen, two Trustees, and four others. **Motion passed 10-0-0.** Selectman Adams, Selectman Demasi, Trustee Sutor, and Trustee Wilson will represent the Boards. Trustee Sutor would like to see the Boards recruit for the other members in lieu of advertising. The four new committee members should come to the appropriate boards with their suggestions. This will be a public committee and should welcome the public to their meetings, as well as advertise their meetings.

- c. **Proposed Corrections Work Camp.** Manager Allard provided copies of documents the State provided concerning the potential economic impact of having the work camp in Northfield. Trustee Suitor would like to review the information but recommends that we continue to entertain this possibility. One possibility that we discussed was Bean Business Park. Manager Allard has spoken to Mark Bean to discuss the possibility. However, Trustee Suitor noted that this was awfully close to the recreation fields. Chair McCarney would like to see some of the rumors nipped in the bud; there's a big difference between a work camp and a prison. A public hearing information session should be scheduled soon with the State participating.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items:** None.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Suitor, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 10-0-0.**

The Joint Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next Joint Board meeting.